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# Office of the Collector of ~~Customs and~~ Salt Revenue.

C. No. 6357-B.II.Cus/37. Dated 22nd November 1937.

FROM H. GREENFIELD, Esquire,
COLLECTOR OF ~~SALT~~ SALT REVENUE,
MADRAS, .

To

The First Secretary,
Central Board of Revenue,
NEW DELHI.

Mulki Port - Opening to foreign trade.

I have the honour to refer to yo
1446-Cus.I/37 dated the 11th November 1937 and to submit my report on the proposal to open the Mulki Port to foreign trade.

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2. I visited the Port on the 11th instan. There is a strong local demand for the opening of this port to foreign trade. The principal reason put forward is that the large numbers of passengers who regularly travel from Mulki and its neighbourhood to and from Bombay are put to great inconvenience in having to embark and disembark at the neighbouring port of Malpe, which is at a considerable distance, with two rivers intervening. Another reason for desiring Bombay ships to call here is to facilitate the shipment to Bombay of their ginger and sweet potatoes.

3. Both the Port Officer and the Bombay Steam Navigation Company agree that the embarkation and disembarkation of

passengers at Mulki is feasible in fair weather, provided it takes place during the early part of the day. In the evening, however, it is said that a breeze springs up and makes the sea choppy and they are not certain whether it will be safe to land or ship passengers if any ships happen to call at such times. Whether the traffic will be seriously incommoded on this account can only be determined by experience. The local people confidently anticipate an average of 50 passengers and I understand that the Bombay Steam Navigation Company have made their calling at the Port conditional upon a minimum average of 25 passengers.

4. A large portion of the passengers now landing and embarking at the neighbouring port of Malpe are reported to hail from the neighbourhood of Mulki and it is an undeniable hardship to them that they should have to undertak long bus journeys when there is a port at their door. Even if the average does subsequently diminish, I consider there is good reason for giving the proposal a trial. Quit apart from the passenger traffic, it will be a substantial benefit to the locality if they can ship their ginger and sweet potatoes to Bombay more readily than at present.

5. The site suggested for the temporary baggage examination shed which is to be erected by the local Port Committee is adequate and suitable, there being very few loca residents and a good water supply. It is across the river from the Custom House but can be reached in the Cust House boat.

6. I therefore recommend the proposal to the Board for acceptance as an experimental measure for one year.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

H. Cumming Gould
COLLECTOR.

Copy...

Copy to the Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Development Department, Fort St. George, MADRAS.

Copy to the Presidency Port Officer, Madras.

(each with a copy of the letter from the Secretary,
Mulki Port Committee, to the Central Board of Revenue)

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Copy of letter dated the 4th November 1937, from the Secretary, Mulki Port Committee, Mulki (South Kanara District), to A.H. Lloyd Esq., C.S.I., C.I.E., I.C.S., Member, Central Board of Revenue, New Delhi.

Yesterday I sent a wire to you as follows which I confirm.

"My wire 16th ultimo. "Pray" expedite reply"

In this connection I beg to submit that I sent a wire to you on the 16th ultimo as follows which also I confirm:

"Public feel anxious opening port foreign trade. Pray accede request immediately reply".

Further I beg to state that this is the season for importing ginger and other raw materials and hence the public are greatly disappointed. The Bombay Steam Navigation Co. Ltd. had decided to call their steamers here from the 15th ultimo but since the Port is not declared open for foreign trade, they are not in a position to do so.

I therefore earnestly request you to be so good as to kindly take up this matter and be pleased to pass favourable orders early.

For which act of kindness I shall as in duty bound, ever pray.

/ True copy: /

LECTOR.

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